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AMEMBASSY CARACAS FOR DEA

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF CHILEAN FRANCISCO GUINART MORAL, ET AL

REFS: (A) SANTIAGO 10029, (B) STATE 247763 (C) SANTIAGO 9768 NOTAL

1. SUMMARY: REF A REPORTS EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RE-ENTRY INTO CHILE FOR FRANCISCO GUINART MORAL. BRANIFF REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SPOKEN WITH SANTIAGO DISTRICT OFFICE SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR GUINART'S RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES ON AUGUST 19 AFTER HE WAS REFUSED ENTRY BY GOC AT SANTIAGO. END SUMMARY
2. THE SDO WAS VISITED ON OCTOBER 14, 1976 BY JAMES O'BRIEN, SANTIAGO PUDAHUEL AIRPORT STATION MANAGER, AND CARLOS LATHROP, DISTRICT SALES MANAGER BOTH REPRESENTATIVES OF BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL IN SANTIAGO. THEY RAISED CASE OF FRANCISCO GUINART MORAL (REFTELS A AND B) WHO ATTEMPTED TO RETURN TO CHILE ABOARD BRANIFF ON AUGUST)3, 1976. GOC AUTHORITIES DENIED GUINART FORMAL ENTRY AND INSTRUCTED BRANIFF TO RETURN HIM TO WASHINGTON, D.C./ATLANTA ON SAME FLIGHT AT AIRLINE'S EXPENSE.

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3. ASAIC TOLD BRANIFF REPRESENTATIVES THAT DOS, DEA, INS

AND GOC WERE WORKING ON WAYS TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE.

4. BRANIFF REPRESENTATIVES SAID INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN DALLAS, TEXAS WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM FOR THREE IMMEDIATE REASONS: 1) WHO WAS GOING TO PAY \$569.20 FOR TRAVEL, FOOD AND GUARD EXPENSES INCURRED BY BRANIFF IN RETURNING GUINART MORAL TO USA ON AUGUST 20, 1976; 2) WHICH GOVERNMENT AGENCY WOULD PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY BRANIFF IN RETURNING RELEASED CHILEAN EXPELLEE SERGIO LAZO TO THE USA O/A DECEMBER 1975 WHEN LAZO WAS REFUSED FORMAL ENTRY INTO CHILE. AND LASTLY, HOW MANY MORE RELEASED CHILEAN EXPELLEES WOULD BE BOARDED ABROAD BRANIFF, DENIED FORMAL ENTRY INTO CHILE, AND RETURNED TO US AT BRANIFF EXPENSE? THEY REQUESTED A WRITTEN REPLY. ASAC ADVISED HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO GIVE SUCH A REPLY BUT WOULD IMMEDIATELY MAKE SENIOR DEA AND OTHER US OFFICIALS AWARE OF BRANIFF CONCERNS. IN RETURN, THEY REQUESTED A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY.

5. THE BRANIFF REPRESENTATIVES SUGGESTED MR. CHARLES S. SOUTH, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (INTERNATIONAL), PO BOX 350001, DALLAS, TEXAS 75235, TELEPHONE (214) 358-8451 BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY A LETTER EXPLAINING THE PROBLEM AND EXPECTED RESOLUTION.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSES SDO SUGGESTION THAT DEA HEADQUARTERS TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE MR. SOUTH IS SO ADVISED. BRANIFF REPRESENTATIVES WILL CONTACT SDO IN ONE WEEK IF MR. SOUTH HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED. BRANIFF HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELPFUL TO US IN THESE CASES.

7. REF C MAKES POINT, CONFIRMED IN REF A AS WELL, THAT MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEA AND UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR MINISTRY APPARENTLY WAS CAUSE OF AT LEAST GUINART PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE WE CAN AVERT REOCCURRENCES BUT THINK THAT BRANIFF REQUEST SHOULD BE GIVEN A SYMPATHETIC HEARING. PLEASE ADVISE.
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